Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer will be asked to do the needful early.

Subject No. 163.
Municipal office building required.

Summary of discussion.—A new Municipal office should be constructed at Hassan, as the present building is not commodious. It should be built by Government, as the Municipality cannot afford.

Dewan's reply.—Government cannot supply a new Municipal office building at Hassan.

Subject No. 164.
Repairs of certain temples at Hassan.

Summary of discussion.—Orders are awaited sanctioning some grants for the repair and restoration of Virupaksheswara and Hallada Rameswara temples at Hassan. The subject was submitted last year also (*vide* No. 116 of the Proceedings).

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner's report is awaited. Endeavour will be made to give some help, if possible.

Subject No. 165.
Feeding Chattram at Hassan.

Summary of discussion.—The prescribed feeding in the Chattram at Hassan has, for some time, been stopped, probably for the purpose of accumulating funds for repair of the Chattram building. It should be restored.

Dewan's reply.—Inquiry will be made.

Subject No. 166.
Channaraypatna Taluk should be under Hassan Munsiff's jurisdiction.

Summary of discussion.—Channaraypatna Taluk is placed within the jurisdiction of the Holè-Narsipur Munsiff's Court in Civil and certain Criminal matters. People of the Taluk having business in the Court feel inconvenient to go to Holè-Narsipur during the monsoon, as they have to cross the unbridged Hemavati River. It is suggested, therefore, that the Taluk may be placed within the jurisdiction of the Hassan Munsiff's Court.

Dewan's reply—The representation will be remitted to the Chief Court for their opinion.

Subject No. 167.
Fish and grass on bund and in bed of small tanks free for the raiyats maintaining them.

Summary of discussion.—As the raiyats are bound to execute earthwork and clear jungles on the bunds of tanks yielding a revenue of less than Rs. 300, they may be allowed to graze their cattle on the bund as well as in the bed of such tanks, and to enjoy the fishery free of payment to Government. A similar representation was made from the Heggaddevankote Taluk (Mysore District) also, and there the speaker Mr. Rangaiengar added that local officers should be instructed to sell by auction, without fail, fish in other tanks and channels. At present such fish is being taken away free or is being clandestinely sold, and the amount misappropriated by local men.

Dewan's reply.—This was represented before (*vide* Subjects Nos. 58 and 202 of last year's Proceedings). The Revenue Rules make the necessary provision regarding fishery, (*vide* Rule X, para 6, of the Rules under the Land Revenue Code), and a supplementary Circular shall be issued to explain and enforce them. The grass growing on tank bunds has been

ordered to be allowed free to the raiyats who have to maintain the bunds and will not be included in the Hulbanni of the village. The grass thus allowed free is to be cut, and in no case may cattle be permitted to graze it. As to the grass in the beds of such tanks, it seems worthy of consideration whether it may not be given free also, provided, that it is not a preserve of the Amrut Mahal Department and the tank is certified to be properly maintained up to standard. As to this, local officers will be consulted.

Subject No. 168.

Act XIII of 1859 should be extended to the whole of Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—As it is very difficult to recover through Civil Courts the amount advanced to but not worked out by coolies engaged by raiyats, it is suggested that Act XIII of 1859 may be brought into force throughout the Province.

Dewan's reply.—The Act is in force throughout the State.

Subject No. 169.

Regulation of minor distribution of water below tanks and channels.

Summary of discussion.—In most cases, there is no proper establishment to regulate distribution of water over lands irrigated by tanks. Acts of interference with such distribution cannot be summarily tried and punished as in the case of river-channels. Influential parties take advantage of this and use water to the prejudice of weak persons. It is, therefore, suggested that some arrangement should be made to regulate the distribution of tank water.

Dewan's reply.—Nirgantis exist under large tanks. In all places the minor distribution of water is regulated by long established custom, and local Revenue Officers are, as a rule, able to make the necessary arrangements without friction. Where the irrigated area is large, the distribution is regulated by earthen or more durable pipes (see Subject No. 123 of last year's Proceedings). Wanton or serious mischief is punishable under the Penal Code. Under such circumstances, it seems inexpedient to extend to minor channels the rules relating to river-channel conservancy.

Note.—See also Subject No. 350 *post.*

Subject No. 170.

Remuneration of Totis and Talavars.

Summary of discussion.—In several villages Totis and Talavars do not exist. Where Totis exist, they do not perform their duties properly as they have not been allowed a remuneration sufficient for their maintenance. Under these circumstances, Revenue and Police work suffers to a great extent. It is suggested that some arrangements may be made to remedy this evil.

Dewan's reply.—The subject of the remuneration of minor village servants is, as a general question, under the consideration of Government.

Subject No. 171

Kerebandi system should be revised.

Summary of discussion.—The Inam of Kerebandis entertained specially for throwing mud on tank bunds have been resumed and the lands have been confirmed to them absolutely.